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Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, <u>all</u> vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-309

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 18, 2008

Dry Edible Beans, Peas, and Lentils, Announcement FV-309, Invitation 045

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dry edible beans, peas, and lentils as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time,**Wednesday, September 24, 2008. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Tuesday, September 30, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dry Beans, Blackeye	12/2 lb bags	3,360 cases
Dry Beans, Great Northern	12/2 lb bags	20,160 cases
Dry Beans, Pinto	12/2 lb bags	8,400 cases

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Destinations with split shipments that are unspecified on the invitation are indicated by a single asterisk (*).

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes which translates into a connection of https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-309; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Dry, Edible Beans, Peas and Lentils, dated April 2004; or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-309, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this Announcement has been changed to 424510, with a small business standard of 500 employees.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV309

INVITATION : 045
COMM GROUP : 42 LEGUMES, DRY
COMM TYPE : 05 BEANS, BLACKEYE, DRY
PACK SIZE : 12 12/2 LB PKG

ITEM DESTINATION NO CITY	TRANS ST RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)			
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/08 - 11/30/08					
001 ATLANTA	GA TRUCK ONLY	1,680			
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/	16/08 - 12/31/08				
002 COLUMBIA	SC TRUCK ONLY	1,680			
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR C	OMMODITY TYPE	3,360			
COMM TYPE : 25 BEANS, GREAT NORTHERN, DRY PACK SIZE : 12 12/2 LB PKG					
ITEM DESTINATION NO CITY	TRANS ST RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)			
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/08 - 11/30/08					
003 CHATTANOOGA	TN TRUCK ONLY	1,680			
004 GRAY	TN TRUCK ONLY	3,360			
005 KNOXVILLE	TN TRUCK ONLY	3,360			
006 NASHVILLE	TN TRUCK ONLY	1,680			
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/08 - 12/15/08					
007 BRENTWOOD	NY TRUCK ONLY	1,680	**		
008 GRAY	TN TRUCK ONLY	3,360			
009 MEMPHIS	TN TRUCK ONLY	1,680			
010 NASHVILLE	TN TRUCK ONLY	1,680			
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/08 - 12/31/08					
011 GRAY	TN TRUCK ONLY	1,680			
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR C	OMMODITY TYPE	20,160			

ANNOUNCEMENT: FV309 INVITATION : 045

COMM GROUP : 42 LEGUMES, DRY

COMM TYPE : 30 BEANS, PINTO, DRY PACK SIZE : 12 12/2 LB PKG

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY		TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)	
DELI	VERY PERIOD 11/	16/0	8 - 11/30/08			
012	JACKSONVILE/FAS (PUERTO RICO)	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,680		
013	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,680		
014	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	1,680		
015	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	TRUCK ONLY	1,680		
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/08 - 12/31/08						
016	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	1,680	711-11	
TOTA	L QUANTITY FOR CO	OMMO	DITY TYPE	8,400		
TOTA	L QUANTITY FOR I	VITZ	ATION	31,920		

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